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Town Officers

Moderator

John W. York

Supervisors of the Check List

Raymond Morley

H. Russell Crowell

John R. Perfect

Town Clerk

D. Everett Palmer

Selectmen

John W. York

James R. Rosencrantz

Gustave Lambert

(Term expires March, 1954)

(Term expires March, 1955)

(Term expires March, 1956)

Treasurer

Harry L. Steeves

Tax Collector

Charles H. Bickford

Representative to General Court

Charles R. Eastman

Auditors

George B. Shaw

Mildred Chase

Trustees of Public Library

Marion P. Kimball

Harold Y. Smith

Josephine Sanborn

Trustees of Trust Funds

Marion P. Kimball

Melvin G. Armstrong

Howard Blake

Board of Education

Leonard B. Miller (1954)

Harry L. Steeves (1955)

Carl Caspar (1956)

School Treasurer

Josephine Sanborn

Road Agent

Horace O. Evans

Constables

Lawrence Bailey

Frank W. Rosencrantz

John Crowell

Board of Health

Harry L. Steeves

Fire Warden

Horace O. Evans

Deputies

Sumner Card

John York

Frank Rosencrantz

Melvin Armstrong

Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Kensington in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Kensington on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. The Selectmen's estimated expenditures for the year 1954 amount to \$15,448.44.
3. To see if the Town wishes to allow discount on Taxes paid within 30 or 60 days after presentation of Tax bills and determine the amount thereof.
4. To vote on the basis of payment and the amount to be paid the Tax Collector for collection of Taxes.
5. To see if the Town will give the Selectmen authority to dispose of property held by the Town on Tax Sale at Public Auction.
6. To see if the Town will grant the Selectmen authority to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
7. To see if the Town wishes a street light in front of the Library.
8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to repair or replace the present World War II Honor Roll.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

JOHN W. YORK,
JAMES R. ROSENCRANTZ,
GUSTAVE LAMBERT,

Selectmen of Kensington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOHN W. YORK,
JAMES R. ROSENCRANTZ,
GUSTAVE LAMBERT,

Selectmen of Kensington, N. H.

Town Budget

SOURCES OF REVENUE	<i>Estimated</i> 1953	<i>Actual</i> 1953	<i>Estimate for</i> Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax		\$ 992.93	\$ 950.00
Savings Bank Tax		35.12	35.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber		180.00	
For Fighting Forest Fires		23.18	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses		301.90	300.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		8.00	8.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees (1953)		2,120.29	2,200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees (1952)		21.73	
CASH SURPLUS		193.98	665.11
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00		534.00	550.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes		\$4,411.13	\$ 4,708.11
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			\$34,234.16
TOTAL REVENUES			\$38,942.27

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriation 1953	Actual Ex- penditures 1953	Estimated Year 1954
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,349.17	\$ 1,400.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	956.72	1,300.00
Election and Registration Expenses . . .	150.00	110.60	450.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	500.00	425.99	500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	37.00	50.00
Fire Department	300.00	281.00	750.00
Insurance	200.00	66.45	100.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	25.00	10.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	10.00		
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500.00	2,413.70	2,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,500.00	605.40	1,500.00
Street Lighting	100.00	36.11	150.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept. . . .	500.00	661.24	500.00
Town Road Aid	250.00	245.81	248.44
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Public Relief	200.00		100.00
Old Age Assistance	750.00	421.69	750.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc. . . .	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	400.00	225.55	400.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, including Dog Damage	100.00	24.00	100.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	6.00		
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200.00	104.10	150.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	60.00	60.00	50.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction	500.00	694.75	500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Taxes Bought		4.83	
Payment to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	1,923.17	1,923.17	2,300.00
School Taxes	21,980.92	18,200.02	23,493.83
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$35,780.09	\$31,748.55	\$38,942.27

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY

Land and buildings,.....	\$605,185.00
Electric plants, (2).....	35,520.00
Horses, (13).....	925.00
Oxen, (3).....	375.00
Cows, (289).....	35,325.00
Neat Stock, (51).....	5,075.00
Sheep and goats, (46).....	1,380.00
Hogs, (66).....	1,080.00
Fowls, (5,060).....	5,735.00
Vehicles,.....	500.00
Portable Mills ,.....	2,800.00
Wood and lumber,.....	44,802.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks,.....	450.00
Stock in trade,.....	25,650.00
Mills and machinery,.....	3,250.00
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Total gross valuation,.....	\$768,052.00
Less Veterans' exemptions,.....	35,850.00
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Taxable net valuation,.....	\$732,202.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries,	\$ 1,400.00
Town officers' expenses,.....	500.00
Election and Registration expenses,.....	150.00
Town Hall and buildings,.....	500.00
Police department,.....	100.00
Fire department,.....	300.00
Health department,.....	25.00
Vital statistics,.....	10.00
Town road aid,.....	250.00
Town maintenance (winter and summer).....	4,000.00
New construction,.....	500.00
General expense, Highway department,.....	500.00
Insurance,.....	200.00
Street lighting,.....	100.00
Library,.....	500.00
Old age assistance,.....	750.00

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Public Relief,	200.00
Memorial Day,	125.00
Cemeteries,	400.00
Dog damages,	100.00
Advertising and regional associations,	6.00
Payment on debt,	1,260.00
County tax,	1,923.17
School tax,	21,980.92
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Total,	\$ 35,780.09

ESTIMATE BY WHICH TAX RATE WAS DETERMINED

Total town and school appropriation	\$35,780.09
Less estimated revenue:	
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 992.93
Railroad tax	15.00
Savings bank tax	50.00
Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber	1,364.76
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,700.00
Dog licenses	150.00
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Total revenues and credits	4,272.69
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Plus overlay	\$31,507.40
Net amount to be raised by taxation	364.85
Less 267 poll taxes at \$2.00	31,872.25
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which the tax rate is to be figured..	534.00
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Tax rate, \$4.28 per \$100.00	
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which the tax rate is to be figured..	
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\$31,338.25	

KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

<i>Title of Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Total Amount Available</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Unexpended Balance</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>
1 Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,349.17	\$ 50.83	
2 Town Officers' Expenses.....	500.00		500.00	956.72		\$456.72
3 Election and Registration.....	150.00		150.00	110.60	39.40	
4 Town Hall Expenses.....	500.00		500.00	425.99	74.01	
5 Police Department.....	100.00		100.00	37.00	63.00	
6 Fire Department.....	300.00		300.00	281.00	19.00	
7 Insurance.....	200.00		200.00	66.45	133.55	
8 Health Department.....	25.00		25.00	10.00	15.00	
9 Vital Statistics.....	10.00		10.00		10.00	
10 Tar Account.....			1,266.25	1,266.25		
11 Town Maintenance, Summer.....	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,413.70	86.30	
12 Town Maintenance, Winter.....	1,500.00		1,500.00	605.40	894.60	
13 Street Lighting.....	100.00		100.00	36.11	63.89	
14 General Exp. Highway Dept.....	500.00		500.00	661.24		161.24
15 Town Road Aid.....	250.00		250.00	245.81	4.19	
16 Library.....	500.00		500.00	500.00		
17 Public Relief.....	200.00		200.00		200.00	
18 Old Age Assistance.....	750.00		750.00	421.69	328.31	
19 Memorial Day.....	125.00		125.00	125.00		
20 Cemeteries.....	400.00		400.00	225.55	174.45	
21 Damages Legal Exp. and Dog Dam.	100.00		100.00	24.00	76.00	
22 Advertising and Regional Assoc.....	6.00		6.00		6.00	
23 Interest on Temporary Notes.....	200.00		200.00	104.10	95.90	
24 Interest on Long Term Notes.....	60.00		60.00	60.00		
25 Town Construction.....	500.00		500.00	694.75		194.75
26 Long Term Notes.....	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
27 Taxes Brought by Town:				4.83		4.83
28 County Tax.....	1,923.17		1,923.17	1,923.17		
29 School Tax (1952).....	60,000.00		4,874.50	4,900.02		25.52
30 School Tax (1953).....	21,980.92		21,980.92	13,300.00	8,680.92	
31 State Head Taxes.....		\$1,485.20	1,485.20	1,485.20		
Payment on Temporary Loan.....		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Total.....	\$35,780.09	\$6,485.20	\$48,406.04	\$38,233.75	\$11,015.35	\$843.06

TOWN BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash balance in bank.....	\$8,300.53	
Due from State on Timber Tax.....	0,000.00	
Uncollected tax, Levy of 1953.....	6,714.16	
Uncollected tax, Levy of 1952.....	16.00	
Uncollected tax, Levy of 1951.....	8.00	
Uncollected tax, Levy of previous years....	2.00	
State head taxes, 1953.....	320.00	
State head tax, previous years.....	35.00	
Unredeemed tax.....	4.35	
	<hr/>	\$15,400.04

Liabilities

Due schools.....	\$8,680.92	
Due State, head taxes.....	548.40	
Due long term town notes.....	3,000.00	
Due State of N. H., yield tax acct.....	733.58	
	<hr/>	\$12,962.90
Surplus over current liabilities,.....		\$ 2,437.14

Town Clerk's Report

D. Everett Palmer, Town Clerk

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

DOX TAX FOR 1953-1954

Dr.

Received for 75 male dogs	at \$2.00...	\$ 150.00	
Received for 17 female dogs	at 5.00...	85.00	
Received for 24 spayed dogs	at 2.00...	48.00	
Received for 2 kennel licenses	at 12.00...	24.00	
Received for 37 fines	at .50...	18.50	
			\$ 325.50

Cr.

Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 301.90	
Fees retained by clerk.....	23.60	
		\$ 325.50

AUTO TAX

Dr.

Received for 18 1952 permits.....	\$ 21.73	
Received for 386 1953 permits.....	2,123.28	
		\$2,145.01

Cr.

Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$2,142.02	
Cash on hand.....	2.99	
		\$2,145.01

FILING FEES

Dr.

Received for filing fees for 1953.....	\$ 8.00	
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Cr.

Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 8.00	
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Tax Collector's Report

CHARLES H. BICKFORD, COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes,.....	\$31,338.25	
Poll taxes,.....	534.00	
Total Warrant.....		\$31,872.25

Yield taxes,.....	2,075.89
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Added taxes:

Poll taxes,.....	6.00
Interests collected	3.26
Total debits,	\$33,957.40

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes,.....	\$24,754.97
Poll taxes,.....	390.00
Yield taxes,.....	2,056.08
Interest collected,.....	3.26
Abatements,.....	35.82

Uncollected taxes as per Collector's list:

Property taxes,.....	\$ 6,566.16	
Poll taxes,.....	148.00	
Yield taxes,.....	3.11	
Total credits.....		\$33,957.40

KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:

Property taxes,.....	\$6,104.60	
Poll taxes,.....	178.00	
Yield taxes,.....	60.00	
		\$6,342.60
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953,.....		194.67
Total debits,.....		\$6,537.27

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal
year ended December 31, 1953:

Property taxes,.....	\$6,104.60	
Poll taxes,.....	154.00	
Interest collected during year,.....	194.67	
Yield taxes,.....	60.00	
Abatements made during year,.....	8.00	
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:		
Poll taxes,.....	16.00	
Total credit,.....		\$6,537.27

POLL TAXES

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:

Poll taxes,.....	\$26.00	
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953.....		1.35
Total debits,		\$27.35

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Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year
ended December 31, 1953:

Poll Taxes,	\$16.00
Interest collected during year,	1.35
Abatements made during year,	2.00
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:	
Poll taxes,	8.00
Total credit,	\$27.35

POLL TAXES

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:

Poll taxes,	\$6.00
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1953,28
Total debits,	\$6.28

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year ended
December 31, 1953:

Poll taxes,	\$2.00
Interest collected during year,28
Abatements made during year,	2.00
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:	
Poll taxes,	2.00
Total credits,	\$6.28

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

Dr.

State head taxes committed to collector:

Original warrant,	\$1,635.00	
Added taxes,	20.00	
Total committed,		\$1,655.00
Penalties collected,		8.50
Total debits,		\$1,663.50

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer:

Head taxes,	\$1,330.00	
Penalties,	8.50	
		\$1,338.50
Abatements,		5.00
Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list,		320.00
Total credits,		\$1,663.50

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:	\$370.00	
Penalties collected during 1953,	30.00	
Total debits,		\$400.00

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during 1953:

Head taxes,	\$300.00	
Penalties,	30.00	
		\$330.00
Abatements during 1953,		45.00
Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list,		25.00
Total credits,		\$400.00

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STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:.....	\$24.10
Penalties collected during 1953,.....	1.00
Total debits,.....	\$25.10

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during 1953:

Head taxes,.....	\$ 9.10
Penalties,.....	1.00
	\$10.10
Abatements during 1953,.....	5.00
Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list,.....	10.00
Total credits,.....	\$25.10

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES, ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1953

Dr.

Tax Sale on Account of Levy

1952

(a) Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year.....	\$.98
Interest and cost collected at sale.....	3.85
Total debits,.....	\$4.83

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during year:

Property tax,.....	\$.98
Interest and cost collected,.....	3.85
Total credits,.....	\$4.83

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1953 \$ 193.98

Received from Charles H. Bickford, tax collector:

Property tax, 1953,	\$24,754.97	
Interest	3.26	
Head tax	1,330.00	
Head tax fines	8.50	
Poll taxes	390.00	
Timber tax	2,116.08	
Property tax, 1952,	6,104.60	
Interest	194.55	
Head taxes	310.00	
Head tax fines	30.00	
Poll taxes	144.00	
Poll tax interest12	
Head tax, 1951	9.60	
Head tax fines50	
Poll taxes	16.00	
Poll tax interest	1.35	
Poll tax, 1950	2.00	
Poll tax interest28	
		\$35,415.81

Received from D. Everett Palmer, town clerk:

Auto permits, 1953	2,120.29	
Dog licenses	301.90	
Filing fees	8.00	
Auto permits, 1952	21.73	
		2,451.92

Received from State Treasurer:

Reimbursement tax loss wood and lumber	\$ 188.00	
Forest fire bills to towns	23.18	
Unexpended T. R. A.	2,169.10	
Interest and dividend tax	992.93	
Refund on head tax	15.30	
Savings bank tax	35.12	
		\$ 3,423.63

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Received from Grange Mutual Fire Ins. Co.:

Dividend	\$ 25.00
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Received from Navy Yard:

Allocated town gift	\$ 4.25
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Received from American Fidelity Co.

Returned premium	\$ 19.69
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Received from Exeter Banking Co.:

Short term loan	\$ 5,000.00
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Total	\$46,534.28
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Paid per order of selectmen	\$38,233.75
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Balance December 31, 1953	\$ 8,300.53
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Harry L. Steeves, *Treasurer*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 1,349.17
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Town Officers' expenses	956.72
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Election and registration	110.66
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Town hall expenses	425.99
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Police department	37.00
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Fire department	281.00
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Damage by dogs	24.00
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Health department	10.00
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Town maintenance (summer)	2,413.70
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Town maintenance (winter)	605.40
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Tar account	1,266.25
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Street lights	36.11
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General expense of Highway Dept.	661.24
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Libraries	500.00
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Old age assistance	421.69
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Memorial Day	125.00
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Cemeteries	225.55
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Taxes bought by town	4.83
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Workmen's Compensation Insurance	66.45
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Interest	164.10
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T. R. A.	245.81
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New construction	694.75
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Payment of temporary loans	5,000.00
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Payment of long term loans	1,000.00
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Head tax	1,485.20
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County tax	1,923.17
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Schools	18,200.02
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Total	\$38,233.17
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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

D. Everett Palmer, auto permits	\$ 140.50
George B. Shaw, auditor	20.00
Mildred Chase, auditor	20.00
Charles Bickford, tax collector	548.67
D. Everett Palmer, salary as town clerk	100.00
Harry Steeves, salary as treasurer	120.00
James R. Rosencrantz, salary as Selectman	100.00
Gustave Lambert, salary as selectman	100.00
John W. York, salary as selectman	200.00
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	\$1,349.17

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Burroughs Adding Machine Co., (Adding Machine)	\$137.50
Association of New Hampshire Assessors' dues	3.00
Exeter News Letter Co., printing 25 affidavits	2.50
Whittier Press, town reports	342.00
Irma's Grill, suppers town meeting	8.10
Kurtz Diner, meals, 2 meetings	24.00
Squamscott Press, ballots town meeting	22.19
George B. Shaw, expenses as auditor	7.07
Libby Book Shop, town clerk supplies	7.82
Squamscott Press, print inventory blanks	2.50
Perkins and Prescott, town bonds	61.50
Edson Eastman, town clerk supplies	15.80
DeMerritt Agency, bond town treasurer	10.00
Spaulding Moss Co., town maps	8.95
Brown and Saltmarsh, tax collector's supplies	16.12
Squamscott Press, printing dog notices	5.50
New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association, dues	3.00
Edson Eastman, dog tags	3.50
Squamscott Press, town clerk's supplies	4.50
Sargent Brothers, tax collector's bills	10.70
D. L. Garrison, town clerk's supplies	7.00
John W. A. Green, copying transfers	10.60
R. P. Gracie, service and clean adding machine	12.10
Charles Bickford, postage and supplies	42.07
D. E. Palmer, fees and supplies	94.70
Harry Steeves, expenses as treasurer	7.00
James R. Rosencrantz, expenses as selectman	25.00
Gustave Lambert, expenses as selectman	25.00
John W. York, expenses as selectman	25.00
Exeter Banking Co., safe deposit box	12.00
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	\$956.72

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

New England Tel. and Tel., telephone	\$ 64.62
Exeter and Hampton Electric Co., lights	64.44
Young's Hardware, supplies	25.05
Exeter Lumber Co., repairs	19.40
Merle Sharp, wood	30.00
Perkins and Prescott, liability insurance	65.70
George B. Shaw, repairs	11.10
G. P. and R. C. Kimball, supplies	5.05
Farm Bureau Insurance Co., fire insurance	32.48
Frank Young, wood	56.00
Ralph Fish, wood	24.00
Roy B. Cole, sawing wood	6.00
George B. Shaw, repairs to chairs	6.40
Percy Dunn, repairs	9.00
G. P. and R. C. Kimball, repairs to East School pump	6.75
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	\$425.99

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Walter Platt, gatekeeper	\$ 6.60
Beatrice Lambert, ballot clerk	6.60
Amy Eastman, ballot clerk	6.60
Wilbur Boyden Sr., gatekeeper	6.60
Edna Wardwell, ballot inspector	6.60
Grace Gilmore, ballot inspector	6.60
John R. Perfect, supervisor check list	18.00
Raymond Morley, supervisor check list	18.00
Percy Dunn, janitor	9.00
John W. York, moderator	8.00
Russell Crowell, supervisor check list	18.00
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	\$110.60

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Crowell, traffic duty	\$ 7.00
Lawrence Bailey, salary as constable	10.00
Frank W. Ronsencrantz, salary as constable	10.00
John Crowell, salary as constable	10.00
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	\$ 37.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

R. G. Watkins and Sons, Inc. Fire Holes	\$281.00
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KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DOG DAMAGE

Percy Dunn, dog damage to geese	\$ 20.00
Eric Simmons, disposal of dog	4.00
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	\$ 24.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Harry Steeves, health officer	\$ 10.00
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TOWN MAINTENANCE (SUMMER)

Young's Hardware, highway broom	\$ 2.50
Robert Evans, labor	17.10
Gerry Hurd, tractor hire	82.50
Arthur Evans, truck hire	8.00
Richard Wilbur, labor	3.60
Iafolla Crushed Stone Co., tar patch	339.20
Arthur Batchelder, gravel	2.10
Harry Philbrick, labor	68.40
Arthur Estabrook, labor	127.80
Horace O. Evans, truck and labor	288.50
R. G. Watkins and Son, Inc., grading, bulldozing, hauling gravel	\$1,474.00
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	\$2,413.70

TOWN MAINTENANCE (WINTER)

Hubert Schweizer, labor	\$ 3.60
Arthur Evans, truck	8.00
Arthur Batchelder, labor and gravel	24.90
Horace Evans, truck and labor	92.20
Arthur Estabrook, labor	17.10
Harry Philbrick, labor	17.10
R. G. Watkins and Son, Inc., snow removal	442.50
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	\$ 605.40

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tar Account, expended by Public Work's Dept.

From 1952 account	\$1,266.25
Town's share T. R. A.	245.81
State's share	1,876.45
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Total spent for tar	\$3,388.51

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert.....	\$ 106.26
R. G. Watkins and Son.....	372.38
Arthur Batchelder, gravel.....	182.60
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	\$ 661.24

STREET LIGHTING

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.....	\$ 36.11
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LIBRARY

Josephine Sanborn, library treasurer.....	500.00
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire.....	421.69
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MEMORIAL DAY

Kensington American Legion Post, No. 105.....	125.00
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CARE OF CEMETERIES

J. Walker Hadley, mower parts.....	8.45
Eugene Simon, labor.....	184.00
James Rosencrantz, repairs, paint and supplies.....	33.10
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	\$ 225.55

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Charles Bickford, collector.....	\$ 4.83
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INTEREST

Exeter Banking Co., interest on long term notes.....	60.00
Exeter Banking Co., interest on short term notes.....	104.10
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	164.10

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

State of New Hampshire, T. R. A.....	\$ 245.81
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS (KIMBALL RD.)

R. G. Watkins & Son, installing culvert, hauling gravel, grading and bulldozer work.....	\$ 462.00
Arthur C. Evans, hauling culvert.....	8.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert.....	224.75
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	\$ 694.75

**TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION
OF TAXES**

Exeter Banking Co.....	\$ 5,000.00
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LONG TERM NOTES (Stumpfield)

Exeter Banking Co.....	1,000.00
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (Head Taxes)

State of New Hampshire.....	1,485.20
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COUNTY TAX

Earl Stockbridge, county treasurer.....	1,923.17
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SCHOOLS

Josephine Sanborn, school treasurer.....	18,200.00
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, 1-1-53 to 12-31 INCLUSIVE

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
				Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Balance at End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Amount to 1-1-54	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
				\$		\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$
1912	John F. Gill	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	100.00	1	100.00	37.76	3%	4.20	10.00	31.96
1914	Hannah Moulton	Library Fund	Manchester Savings	1,000.00	2	1,000.00	000.00	3%	30.23	30.23	000.00
1916	Mary S. Blake	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	100.00	3	100.00	1.81	3%	3.10	3.00	1.91
1918	Lizzie Osgood	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	100.00	4	100.00	5.59	2%	2.11	4.00	3.70
1922	James Bartlett	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	100.00	5	100.00	2.58	2%	2.05	3.00	1.63
1923	George M. Gove	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	150.00	6	150.00	38.27	3%	5.78	12.00	32.05
1925	Ellen F. Bingham	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	100.00	7	100.00	2.39	3%	3.10	3.00	2.49
1928	Clara Rhodes	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	100.00	8	100.00	.21	3%	3.04	2.00	1.25
1929	William H. Eaton	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	200.00	9	200.00	1.90	2%	4.04	3.00	2.94
1931	Susan Webster	Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings	200.00	10	200.00	11.97	3%	6.46	10.00	8.43
1932	Robert T. Brown	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	200.00	11	200.00	16.00	2%	4.34	10.00	10.34
1935	Frank L. Wadleigh	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	100.00	12	100.00	.18	2%	2.01	2.00	.19
1937	Sarah A. Green	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	100.00	13	100.00	.04	2%	2.01	2.00	.05
1938	Oliver Clifford	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	95.00	14	95.00	.68	2%	1.91	2.00	.59
1940	Clara E. Kimball	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	300.00	15	300.00	11.34	3%	9.44	8.00	12.78
1942	Mary T. Smith	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	200.00	16	200.00	8.75	3%	6.31	4.00	11.06
1944	Marcie D. Tilton	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	1,000.00	17	1,000.00	5.27	3%	30.61	11.05	24.83
1944	Mary A. Tilton	Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings	500.00	18	500.00	000.00	3%	15.15	15.15	000.00
1944	John S. Wadleigh	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	150.00	19	150.00	1.00	2%	3.03	3.00	1.03
1945	Mary E. DeRochemont	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	100.00	20	100.00	14.97	3%	3.45	000.00	18.42
1948	Benjamin Lovering	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	100.00	22	100.00	1.21	2%	2.03	2.00	1.24
1948	Frank Poor	Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Co.	200.00	23	200.00	6.63	2%	4.15	4.00	6.78
1952	Archie T. York	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	200.00	24	200.00	1.00	3%	6.08	6.69	.39
1952	Charles E. Fish	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	200.00	25	200.00	000.00	3%	6.05	4.00	2.05
1953	Charles N. Robie	Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings	200.00	26	200.00	000.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
							\$169.55		\$160.68	\$154.12	\$176.11

Melvin G. Armstrong**Chairman of Trust Funds**

Received from trust funds \$154.12

Paid:

Howard Blake, care of lots \$84.00

Albert H. Stevens, loam 12.50

Merrimack Exchange, Inc., Seed and
Fertilizer 12.24

To library: Tilton Fund 15.15

To library: Moulton Fund 30.23

Total \$154.12

The trustees paid to the school board chairman \$4,308.73, and to the Legion commander the sum of \$158.94 by vote of town.

Auditors' Reports

Kensington, N. H., February 20, 1954

I have examined the inventory and expense book of the Selectmen, and find the inventory book in balance with the Collector's books, and the expense book in balance with the Treasurer's report. The expense book has an over payment on head tax of \$15.30 which has been adjusted by check, also an over payment on O. A. A. of \$16.17, not adjusted.

I have examined the report of Charles H. Bickford, Tax Collector, the report of Harry L. Steeves, Treasurer, with a balance of \$8,300.53 in the Exeter Banking Co., the report of Josephine E. Sanborn, Treasurer of the Public Library Trustees, with a balance of \$96.28 in the Exeter Banking Co., and the report of D. Everett Palmer, Town Clerk, for permits and dog tax account.

All of the above reports are nicely kept and with close co-operation, correct to the end of the year, and are approved.

I have examined the trust funds, bank books and find \$154.12 has been withdrawn from the several accounts and the trustees have receipts for the expenditure of same.

The report of trust funds, are disapproved as incorrect, out of date, and not balanced as required by law.

The correct statement of the bank books at the end of the year, 1953, are as printed over my signature.

No report of expenditure of Memorial Day.

With co-operation we all win, without, someone will lose.

GEORGE B. SHAW, *Auditor.*

The above report is approved with the exception of the Trust Funds, which I find correct as required by law.

MILDRED L. CHASE.

Librarian's Report

KENSINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Josephine Sanborn, Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in bank, January 1, 1953.....	\$121.53	
Rec. from Tilton Fund.....	15.15	
Rec. from Moulton Fund.....	30.23	
Rec. from town appropriation.....	500.00	
Rec. from American Legion Aux.....	25.00	
		\$691.91 \$691.91

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Salary

Nellie Hilliard.....	\$250.00	\$250.00
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Books and Magazines

National Geographic.....	\$ 12.50	
Gaylord Brothers.....	10.95	
Personal Book Co.....	45.21	
Reader's Digest.....	5.00	
American Home.....	5.00	
Charles Lauriat Co.....	6.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	6.89	
Ginn & Co.....	13.12	
Warman Publishing Co.....	2.00	
Yankee, Inc.....	1.00	
		\$107.67

Light and Heat

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.....	\$ 25.01	
Frank P. Young.....	8.00	
Arthur C. Evans.....	30.00	
Ralph B. Fish.....	50.00	
Roy Cole.....	11.00	
		\$124.01

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Janitor

Irena Bragg	\$ 60.25	
Harley Cole	2.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 62.35

Miscellaneous

Exeter Banking Co.....	\$ 6.00	
Nellie Hilliard	14.95	
Irena Bragg	15.00	
Billy Bragg.....	.70	
Charles R. Eastman, insurance.....	14.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 51.60
		\$595.63 \$595.63

Balance in bank, January 1, 1954.....	\$ 96.28
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JOSEPHINE E. SANBORN, *Treasurer*

Approved:

GEORGE B. SHAW, *Auditor.*

GIFT OF MRS. DE ROCHEMONT

White Banners.....	Lloyd C. Douglas
Yankee Pasha.....	Edison Marshall
Colorado.....	Louis Bromfield
Cordelia.....	Winston Graham
Never Dies the Dream.....	Margaret Langdon
The Big Fisherman.....	Lloyd C. Douglas
A Woman Called Nancy.....	Frank Yerby
Until the Day Break.....	Sallie Lee Bell
The Enduring Hills.....	Janice Holt Giles
The Clever Sister.....	Margaret Culkin Banning

GIFTS

Steel Serves the Nation.....	Douglas A. Fisher
Selected Writings of Bolivar, 2 Vol.....	Vicente Lecuna Compiler
Grasses and Forage Plants.....	Charles L. Flint
Age of Fable and Beauties of Mythology.....	Thomas Bullfinch
Nature for its Own Sake.....	John G. Van Dyke
Dictionary of the Bible.....	William Smith, L. L. D.
Night Thoughts.....	Edward Young
Dictionary of American History.....	J. Franklin Jameson
History of New Hampshire.....	Edwin D. Sanborn
History of Dublin, N. H.....	Committee of Publications
How to Find Happy Land.....	Jasmine S. Van Dresser

GIFT FROM EXETER LIBRARY

Paradise.....	Esther Forbes
O Genteel Lady.....	Esther Forbes
On Man in the Universe.....	Aristotle
The Iliad.....	Homer
Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.....	Edited
Five Great Dialogues.....	Plato
Paradise Lost and Other Poems.....	John Milton
This Man Hoover.....	Earl Rives
Quakers in Action.....	Lester M. Jones
Lafayette.....	Andreas Latzko
The Scarlet Letter.....	Nathaniel Hawthorne
House of Seven Gables.....	Nathaniel Hawthorne
West of the Night.....	Gladys Hasty Carroll

GIFTS

Ford at Fifty.....	Henry Ford II
Flight.....	Committee to Observe 50th Anniversary of Flying.
General Laws and Constitution of New Hampshire.....	Glossary

GIFT OF
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, KENSINGTON

The Key to Peace.....	Clarence Manion
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GIFT OF ROBERT BECKMAN

Big Book of Real Locomotives.....	George J. Zaffo
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GIFT OF MARION PAGE KIMBALL

Wild Animals of the World.....	William Bridges
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GIFT FROM STATE LIBRARY

Democracy Fights—History of New Hampshire, World War II.....	Philip N. Guyol
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MAGAZINES GIVEN BY MRS. DE ROCHEMONT

McCall's	American Home	Ladies Home Journal
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There were 69 books purchased by the library.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR 1953

Fiction.....	708
Juvenile.....	861
History.....	86
Biography and Autobiography.....	89
Adventure and Travel.....	16
Poetry and Drama.....	26
Science.....	64
Religion.....	6
Sociology.....	8
Miscellaneous Non-Fiction.....	30
Magazines.....	140
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	2,034

The Book Mobile is now coming from the State Library at regular intervals of two months. It surely is a boon in two ways. It brings forty or fifty of the best juvenile books obtainable for use in the school. These modern books are beautifully illustrated to please as well as to instruct. They also bring extra books for general circulation. The State Library is willing at any time to send through this library books on any subject in which one may be interested. A small library can afford to buy only a limited number of technical books. There are now 5000 books in the library, interestingly, the year 1953 ending with that number. "Pride cometh before a fall" may be true; even then I will take the chance and say that I think, we, as citizens of this small town should be proud to have what, in my opinion, approximates a first class small library. The Social Library, one of the oldest in the country, has the first book bought in 1767. It's still kept in the library.

NELLIE HILLIARD,

Librarian.

KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Report of the Kensington Volunteer Fire
Department, Inc.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Annual report for the year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953-

Receipts

January 1, 1953, cash on hand.....	\$511.17
Received from:	
Donations.....	30.00
Sale of surplus clap-boards.....	73.47
Two suppers.....	123.53
Refund from 1952 Community Christmas..	.42
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Total receipts for year 1953.....	\$227.42
Grand total.....	\$738.59

Paid:

Payments

Building and plumbing supplies.....	\$157.36
Insurances.....	182.74
Oil.....	66.21
Fire supplies and equipment for truck.....	56.70
Exeter and Hampton Electric Co.....	21.40
Printing.....	13.50
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Total payments.....	\$497.91
Cash on hand December 31, 1953.....	\$240.68
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	\$738.59

RALPH B. FISH, *Treasurer*

On January 21, 1954, I checked the books and receipts of the treasurer, Ralph B. Fish, and found things correct with a cash balance of \$240.68.

HARRY L. STEEVES, *Auditor*.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Fire Department has furnished the fire station with the following equipment during 1953:

Card tables and chairs.....	\$214.94
Dishes, silver, etc., for kitchen.....	36.79
Tires and tubes for fire truck.....	188.00
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Total.....	\$439.73

RUTH B. ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*.

Annual Reports
OF
Officers of the School District
OF THE
Town of Kensington, N. H.

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1952 and Ending
June 30, 1953

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Kensington, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1954, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make applications for and to receive, in the name of the district, such advances, grants, and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the Federal Security Agency, or any other United States government or State agencies.
10. To see if the district will vote to transfer the \$500.00 from the new school kitchen equipment to transportation.
11. To see if the district will vote to transfer to the town the East School.

11a. To see if the district will authorize the school board to sell the East School lot and building.

11b. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for repairs and insurance to the East and North Schools.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Kensington, N. H., this 11th day of February, 1954.

HARRY L. STEEVES,
CARL M. CASPAR,
LEONARD B. MILLER,

School Board of Kensington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY L. STEEVES,
CARL M. CASPAR,
LEONARD B. MILLER,

School Board of Kensington, N. H.

School Board Estimate for 1954 - 1955

Administration:

Salaries of district officers,	\$ 86.50	
Superintendent's salary (local share)	185.15	
Tax for state wide supervision,	186.00	
Salaries of other administrative personnel	150.19	
Supplies and expenses,	182.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 790.64

Instruction:

Teachers' salaries,	5,300.00	
Books and other instruction aids,	150.00	
Scholars' supplies,	225.00	
Supplies and other expenses,	200.00	
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Operation of school plant:

Salary of janitor,	550.00	
Fuel,	550.00	
Water, light, supplies and expenses,	300.00	
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Maintenance of school plant:

Repairs and replacements,	150.00
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Auxiliary activities:

Health supervision,	200.00	
Transportation, high,	800.00	
Transportation, elementary,	3,100.00	
Tuition, high,	5,520.00	
Tuition, elementary,	3,780.00	
Special funds and special activities,	100.00	
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Fixed charges:

Teachers' retirement,	395.00	
Insurance, treasurer's bond, expenses, . . .	300.00	
	<hr/>	695.00

Debt and interest:

Principal of debt,.....	2,000.00	
Interest on debt,.....	580.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,580.00
Total expenses,.....	<hr/>	\$24,990.64

Receipts:

State aid,.....	1,496.81
District assessment,.....	<hr/> \$23,493.83

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1954-1955

School Opens—September 8 (Wednesday)		
Closes—December 22 (Wednesday)	73 days	16 weeks
Opens—January 3 (Monday)		
Closes—February 18 (Friday)	35 days	7 weeks
Opens—February 28 (Monday)		
Closes—April 22 (Friday)	40 days	8 weeks
Opens—May 2 (Monday)		
Closes—June 17 (Friday)	34 days	7 weeks
	<hr/> 182 days	38 weeks

Holidays:

October 14 and 15—State Teachers' Convention.

November 11—Armistice Day.

November 25 and 26—Thanksgiving Recess. (Thursday and Friday.)

Memorial Day.

School will be dismissed at noon on September 8, November 24, December 22, and Good Friday, April 8.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of Kensington, New Hampshire:

I take pleasure in submitting my sixth annual report as superintendent of schools.

The school year 1953-1954 started with the following personnel:

Mrs. Esther Prescott, principal and teacher of grades 4-6
Mrs. Mildred Crowell, teacher of grades 1-3
Mrs. Eleanor Henry, teacher of music
Miss Mary Shea, school nurse
Miss Mary Quigley, teacher of handwriting

There was one change in the teaching staff this year. Mrs. Esther Prescott of Kensington, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College and a former teacher in this town, replaced Mrs. Edith Clough as Principal and teacher of Grades 4-6. The staff is conscientious and experienced and is working diligently to provide good training for the boys and girls.

When school opened, there were twenty-seven students in Grades 1-3 and forty-three students in Grades 4-6. It was decided to divide the members of Grade 4 between the two classrooms and in this way give each teacher nearer the same number of students. The disadvantage of this is that Mrs. Crowell has four grades to teach instead of three. This situation should not continue for more than this year for it is a backward step. It is expected that when the large sixth grade of fifteen members leaves the school and a smaller number of first graders enter that the difference in numbers will solve the problem for another year.

If it doesn't work out this way, then a third teacher should be employed and a classroom set up in the activities room.

It may be of interest to the citizens to know that the last session of the state legislature was more favorable to the cause of better education than the previous session had been.

One example of this was the increase in the amount of State Aid from \$600,000 to \$900,000 per year. State Aid for the Kensington School District was thus raised from \$1124.48 in 1952-1953 to \$1496.81 in 1953-1954 as a result.

Also in order to improve administrative services the legislature made it possible to increase the number of supervisory unions in the state from forty-eight to fifty. It is hoped that this will make it possible to limit the number of school districts in any given union to not more than seven. There are some unions at present with eight or nine school districts. This same law has also provided for about five Helping Teachers in the larger unions. This teacher has already become an Elementary Supervisor on a union wide basis in some of the unions. The law makes provision for the state to pay a part of the salary for such a teacher.

The response of the parents to the All-Risk Student Accident Insurance program would indicate that there is an interest in this type of insurance coverage. In this Supervisory Union with a total enrollment of about fourteen hundred and ten, eleven hundred and eighty-eight availed themselves of the opportunity to take the insurance for the school year. In Kensington the response was in about the same ratio as for the union as a whole. This schooltime Accident Insurance Plan is offered at the nominal rate of only one dollar per student for the entire school year.

The installation of swings on the playgrounds by the American Legion will be greatly appreciated and will provide a good start on playground equipment.

The Parent Teacher Association continues to do its good work for the interests of the school.

Mr. Percy Dunn as janitor takes a great deal of interest not only in his work around the building but also in the welfare of the teachers and the boys and girls both in the building and on the playground.

I call to your attention the reports of the school nurse and the music teacher and the tables which follow and I trust that these will be of interest to you.

I again wish to thank the citizens, the members of the School Board, and the teachers for their continued co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

Superintendent, Supervisory Union No. 16.

Kersington, New Hampshire,
January 19, 1954.

Report of the Music Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Following is the report of the music supervisor for the year 1953. Two music programs were presented for the public during the year. In April, the operetta "Lazy Town" was given at the Town Hall, with students of all six grades participating. The pupils also took part in the annual Memorial Day program.

At the beginning of the fall term in September, a very beneficial change was made in the music classes. Instead of having two groups for music, as we had had previously, the six grades were divided into three groups. First and second grade children require different musical experiences from those in which third grade children should participate, so that having the first two grades in one group, the third and fourth grades in another group, and the fifth and sixth grades in a third group makes it possible for each group to take part in a suitable musical program.

A large group in the third and upper grades have purchased tonettes. This instrument is not only excellent as a means for reading music, but also, in many cases, proves to be an incentive for the study of some other instrument later on.

All good music programs should provide many different musical experiences, so that if one type does not appeal to a child another may. Music appreciation, singing, dancing, rhythms, creative activities, listening and reading music are all included in the well-rounded music program.

The classroom teachers contribute much to the growth and development of the pupils, through music.

I wish to thank Mr. Hoyt, the members of the School Board, the teachers and the parents for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR HENRY.

Kensington, N. H., January 15, 1954.

School Health Report

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Two new services were added this year to the school health program. Several children attended speech clinics at Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center. A few have had eye conditions corrected through the Eye Clinic.

On the whole the children have been remarkably well this past year. Quite a bit of the credit for this goes to the parents in Kensington who see to it that most of the children come to school with a well-balanced lunch. Also, the parents are quick to act in correcting minor defects when notes have been sent home.

The dental clinic, sponsored by the P. T. A., and serviced by volunteers from its ranks, has been a success. Almost a hundred per cent of all the school children have received dental care this year. This is a very enviable record.

One major need has not as yet been met. That is a thorough physical examination of each child in school, which should be done at specified intervals. This need not be an expensive undertaking. A qualified physician could be obtained for a certain period of time and the children of the 1st, 3rd and 6th grades given a complete physical check-up. In this way, any condition that needed to be corrected could be taken care of early and not be permitted to develop into a major defect. The doctor could also be on call for consultation when problems arise. The State Department of Education recommends that each child have a minimum of four comprehensive examinations, with additional examinations whenever his health status is in question, during the child's school career. The Kensington children do not have this until they reach Junior High. With the new school and its excellent facilities for health examinations, perhaps this void in our services can be filled this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. SHEA, R. N.

School Nurse

Kensington, New Hampshire,
January 18, 1954.

School Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

Dr.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952.....	\$ 147.90
Received from selectmen, current ap- propriation.....	19,374.50
Received from selectmen, special ap- propriation.....	800.00
Received from trust fund.....	4,308.73
Received from State treasurer.....	1,124.48
Received from refunds.....	65.71
Received from building fund.....	373.09
	\$26,194.41

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* Paid by order of school board.....	\$26,032.14
Cash on hand, July 1, 1953.....	162.27
	\$26,194.41

* The above is a gross figure and includes the transfer of \$4,500 to the building fund in anticipation of the receipt of the School Building Fund. Net figure on "order of school board" is \$21,532.14.

JOSEPHINE E. SANBORN,

Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of district officers.....	\$ 80.50
Superintendent's salary and expense,....	247.11*
Truant officer and census,	6.00
Expense of administration,.....	102.08
Teachers' salary,.....	5,206.49
Textbooks,.....	335.33
Scholars' supplies,.....	82.21
Flags,.....	
Fuel,.....	523.63
Other expense of instruction,.....	172.11

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Janitor's salary,	424.50	
Water, lights and janitor's supplies,	215.69	
Minor repairs and expenses,	154.16	
Supervisory union,		
Transportation,	3,300.00	
Tuition,	6,145.06	
State supervision,	194.00	
Insurance and other charges,	336.60	
Teachers' retirement,	299.47	
From special appropriation,		
New equipment,	1,087.20	
Payment of bond,	2,000.00	
Interest payments on bond,	620.00	
Payment of loan,	4,500.00	
		<hr/> \$ 26,032.14

*Superintendent's Salary 1952-1953

Exeter,	\$2,938.25	
Newfields,	144.90	
Stratham,	277.73	
East Kingston,	152.95	
Kensington,	191.19	
Greenland,	319.98	
State's share,	2,275.00	
Total,		<hr/> \$ 6,300.00

Tuition

Town of Amesbury,	\$ 30.84	
Exeter School District-High,	4,034.22	
Exeter School District-Elem.	1,920.00	
Exeter Day School,	160.00	
		<hr/> \$6,145.06

State Wide Supervision

State Treasurer,	194.00
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Insurance and Other Charges

Charles Eastman Insurance,	36.00	
Perkins Prescott Agency Insurance,	285.60	
De Merriitt Agency,	15.00	
		<hr/> 336.60

New Equipment

Paris Mfg. Co.,.....	962.64	
Fields Curtain Shop,.....	57.46	
Exeter Mfg. Co.,.....	30.60	
G. B. Shaw,.....	36.50	
	<hr/>	1,087.26

Payment of Bond

Exeter Banking Co.,.....	2,000.00	
Interests of Bonds,.....	620.00	
	<hr/>	2,620.00

Teachers' Retirement

N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board,.....	299.47
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EXPENSES IN DETAIL**Salaries of District Officers**

Leonard B. Miller,.....	25.00	
D. Everett Palmer,.....	15.00	
Harry Steeves,.....	15.00	
Josephine Sanborn, Treasurer,.....	20.00	
Grace Gilmore,.....	2.00	
George B. Shaw,	2.00	
Gustave Lambert,	1.50	
	<hr/>	80.50

Superintendent's Salary

Raymond Hoyt, salary and travel	247.11
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Truant Officer Census

Everett Palmer,.....	6.00
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Expense of Administration

Squamscott Press,.....	20.00	
Exeter School District,.....	27.52	
Exeter News Letter,.....	4.00	
L. B. Miller,.....	6.00	
D. E. Palmer,.....	5.00	
J. Sanborn,.....	6.09	
H. Lentz,.....	12.50	
Supervisory Union,.....	20.97	
	<hr/>	102.08

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Teachers' Salaries

Edith Clough,.....	2,008.20	
M. Crowell,.....	1,674.80	
E. Henry,.....	277.80	
E. Prescott,.....	54.00	
Blue Cross,.....	60.00	
Retirement Board,.....	361.64	
Health School Nurse,.....	308.75	
Internal Revenue,.....	461.30	
	<hr/>	5,206.49

Textbooks

Allyn-Bacon,.....	\$ 24.78	
McCormick & Mathes,	2.90	
MacMillan Co.,	12.63	
J. B. Lippincott,.....	31.96	
Laidlow Bros.,.....	7.53	
Houghton Mifflin Co.,.....	26.12	
Scott Foresman Co.,.....	69.16	
L. W. Singer,.....	39.14	
Rowe Peterson Co.,.....	13.51	
Milton Bradley,.....	71.79	
Rand McNally,	17.86	
C. B. Hammond,.....	17.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 335.33

Scholar Supplies

Gledhill Bros.,.....	\$ 9.54	
Central Paper Co.,.....	69.60	
Milton Bradley,.....	3.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 82.21

Other Expenses of Instruction

Rinehart System,.....	\$ 150.00	
Boston Music Co.,.....	10.51	
Exeter School District,.....	11.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 172.11

Janitor's Salary

Percy Dunn.....	<hr/>	\$ 124.50
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Water, Lights and Janitor's Supplies

Elliot's, Inc.,	\$ 25.11	
Exeter and Hampton Electric Co.,	177.36	
Young Hardware,	2.72	
M. F. Bragdon,	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 215.69

Transportation

Marshall Trans. Co.-High,	\$ 800.00	
Marshall Trans. Co.-Elem.,	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,300.00

Fuel

T. W. Jewell,	<hr/>	\$ 523.63
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Minor Repairs and Expenses

G. P. and R. C. Kimball,	\$ 21.71	
Percy Dunn,	111.00	
Arthur Evans,	6.00	
Edward Wilbur,	3.00	
B. Palmer,	1.85	
Taylor's Express,	1.90	
Young's Hardware,75	
Amesbury Hardware,	7.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 154.16
Loan to building fund,	\$4,500.00	

This is to certify that I have examined the reports of the school treasurer and the school board of Kensington, and find them correct and properly vouched for and do hereby approve the same.

PARKER M. BLODGETT,

Auditor.

TABLE I
KENSINGTON PUPILS

Total Enrollment January 1, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Kensington School . . .	13	6	7	16	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Exeter Elementary . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	0	13
Exeter High School . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	8
Robinson Seminary . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	12
St. Michael School . . .	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	14	6	8	16	14	14	5	9	6	2	5	7	106
1953 Comparisons . .	7	7	15	15	15	5	9	5	2	5	7	6	98

TABLE II
Statistics for Ten Years Ending June 30, 1953

School Year	Weeks in Year	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits of Others	Average Salary
1942-1943. . .	38	29	24	53	41	2	43	95	17	43	17	1000.00
1943-1944. . .	38	24	24	48	42	3	45	94	112	49	51	1125.00
1944-1945. . .	37	23	23	46	38	3	41	91	98	52	146	1225.00
1945-1946. . .	37	21	26	47	39	3	42	93	2	49	186	1300.00
1946-1947. . .	36	23	24	47	40	2	42	95	9	44	75	1400.00
1947-1948. . .	37	26	24	50	46	3	49	95	2	36	57	1800.00
1948-1949. . .	37	22	22	44	38	4	42	90	7	51	119	1950.00
1949-1950. . .	38	29	23	52	47	4	51	93	4	56	199	2150.00
1950-1951. . .	38	29	31	60	55	4	59	93	9	53	145	2250.00
1951-1952 . . .	38	30	30	60	52	6	58	89	2	63	96	2,250.00
1952-1953 . . .	38	32	29	61	58	2	60	95	3	51	58	2,350.00

TABLE III
Perfect attendance for entire year 1952-1953

Donald Aucoin
Wayne Palmer

Richard Bragg
Richard Sawyer

William Bragg
Lloyd Steeves

Vital Statistics of the Town of Kensington, N. H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Name of Child	Sex	No. of Child	Living or Stillborn	Name of Father	Maidenn Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan.	5 Valerie Elaine Kleinheitz	F	1	L	Herman J. Kleinheitz	Doris E. Mobbs	Baltimore, Md.	Exeter, N. H.
Mar.	21 Anna May Lufkin	F	2	L	George A. Lufkin	Barbara L. Laconis	Boston, Mass.	Exeter, N. H.
Mar.	24 Louise Mary Wilbur	F	11	L	Edward H. Wilbur	Alice A. Simon	Kensington, N. H.	Roxbury, Mass.
Apr.	3 Karen Frances Murphy	F	2	L	Herbert J. Murphy, Jr.	Mary E. Davis	Buffalo, N. Y.	Wilmington, Del.
Oct.	19 June Ellen Crowell	F	2	L	John Crowell	Jennie Laconis	Exeter, N. H.	Kensington, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.—D. EVERETT PALMER, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Yrs.	Color of Ea.	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Apr. 1	Penacook, N. H.	Warren Lester Sargent	21	W 1	Mass.	Raymond Sargent Geraldine Ferrin	Oliver C. Northcott Minister of the Gospel
		Clara Jeanne Chesley	20	W 1	N. H.	Howard J. Chesley Josephine Fisk	Penacook, N. H.
May 9	Exeter, N. H.	Robert Smith Knowles	20	W 1	Exeter, N. H.	Stanley J. Knowles Marion E. Smith	Charles J. Bolland Catholic Priest
		Alice Sara Wilbur	17	W 1	Exeter, N. H.	Edward H. J. Wilbur Alice A. Simon	Exeter, N. H.
June 27	Exeter, N. H.	William Francis Quirk	24	W 1	Manchester, N. H.	John L. Quirk	Charles J. Bolland Catholic Priest
		Sally Ann Louise Lambert	23	W 1	Norwich, Conn.	Margaret R. Wolfe Gustave Lambert	Exeter, N. H.
						Beatrice S. Freeman	
July 19	Kensington, N. H.	Arthur Milton Russell	24	W 1	Exeter, N. H.	Clyde M. Russell	Oliver C. Northcott Minister of the Gospel
		Barbara Louise Sanborn	22	W 1	Newburyport, Mass.	Marion Brewer Theophilus Sanborn	Penacook, N. H.
						Mary W. York	
Aug. 17	Barton, Vt.	James Arthur Colby	32	W 2	Exeter, N. H.	Arthur A. Colby	Theodore H. Gregg Minister of the Gospel
		Olive Annette Knowles	35	W 1	Hampton, N. H.	Cora M. Huff Christopher D. Moore	Barton Vt.
						Grayce Petterson	

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MARRIAGES, Concluded from preceeding page

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Yrs.	Color of Ea.	Con- dition	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Aug. 26	Dover, N. H.	Paul Chadbourne Jacobs	19	W	1	Conn.	Leon H. Jacobs Sarah Josephine Wallace John Smyth Leddy Blanche Victorine Dion	Charles J. Leddy Catholic Priest Dover N. H.
Aug. 29	Manchester, N. H.	Mary Theresa Olive Leddy Henry Richard Hoblin	19	W	1	N. H.	Lester Hoblin Hazel Brown	Rev. Ernest L. Seely Congregational
		Rachel Ann Fellbaum	20	W	1	N. H.	Ralph Fellbaum Frieda Simon	Clergyman Manchester, N. H.
Oct. 25	Kensington, N. H.	Elmer Douglas Dunn	22	W	1	Massachusetts	Percy Malcolm Dunn Elizabeth Poore	Paul T. Martin Minister of the Gospel
		Shirley Jacqueline Dixon	22	W	2	New Hampshire	Leroy Eaton Dow Eleanor Corthell	Exeter, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief—D. EVERETT PALMER, *Town Clerk*.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Single Married or Widowed	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Feb. 10	Warren Leslie Wood	70	Boston, Mass.	M	Married	Philip Wood	Mary Davis
Feb. 26	James Agustus Bartlett	70	Kensington, N. H.	M	Married	Francis L. Bartlett	Ella Wiggin
Mar. 8	Irving Clinton Gove	79	Kensington, N. H.	M	Married	Clinton Gove	Anna Piper
April 15	Clara Johanna Evans	81	Norwich, Conn.	F	Widowed	Conrad Greiner	Elizabeth Seltzer
May 10	Anna May Lufkin	1 mo. 19 days	Exeter, N. H.	F		George Amory Lufkin	Barbara Lillian Laconis
May 27	Rhoda Eaton Cronin	36	Exeter, N. H.	F	Married	John Eaton	Florence Currier
May 28	Alice May Prescott	79	Kensington, N. H.	F	Married	David Brown	Ellen Hilliard
June 13	George Russell Mobbs	35		M	Married	Karl B. Mobbs	Gladys Nelson
July 19	George William Bartlett	87	St. Johns, N. B.	M	Widowed	Unknown	Williams

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.—D. EVERETT PALMER, *Town Clerk*.

